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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: [] Satellite Program

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Several months ago you asked me to let you know the extent and timing of your eventual commitment of funds, facilities and people to the [] program. Recently I gave you an interim report on this and promised to give you a more detailed memorandum as soon as possible. Since that time, we have completed our evaluation of initial contractor studies and, pursuant to the August Excom decision, we have initiated system definition studies. I am therefore now able to say something more definite about probable eventual program impact. Before doing so, it may be useful to summarize our plans for the next year and the decision milestones which you can anticipate.

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On 17 August we initiated Phase I of the system definition studies. During this initial phase, four spacecraft contractors and three [] facility contractors

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[] Each of these contractors will give us a final report in mid-December which will describe the performance characteristics and the development program schedules and costs associated with each of these systems. During December and January we will evaluate these reports and by the first of February will have recommended to Excom two spacecraft contractors and two [] facility contractors for continuation into Phase II. At that time Excom will also be asked to decide which system configuration it desires to have continued into Phase II. Phase II of the system definition studies will then begin in February and will be completed by the end of September 1971. Between September and November we will evaluate contractor reports and will recommend to the Excom one spacecraft contractor and one [] facility contractor to be continued into the acquisition phase of

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the program. Thus, at its November 1971 meeting the Excom will have all information available to decide whether to proceed into system development.

We must also make provision for the fact that in November 1970 the Committee must decide on the 1972 budget level to be included in the President's submission to Congress. Therefore, although Phase I contractor studies will not be complete until December 15, arrangements have been made for a mid-November progress report which will give us preliminary data to help the Committee determine what FY 1972 funding level it wants to assume for the [redacted] For your convenience, I have attached a list of the milestones planned for the next year and a half.

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With this background, let me summarize the extent of your eventual commitment to the program as it continues to move ahead after the system definition phase.

Funds. I think we have a fairly good handle now on the possible costs of the program. These costs remain about as presented to the Excom last July when it made its decision to go ahead with system definition. [redacted]

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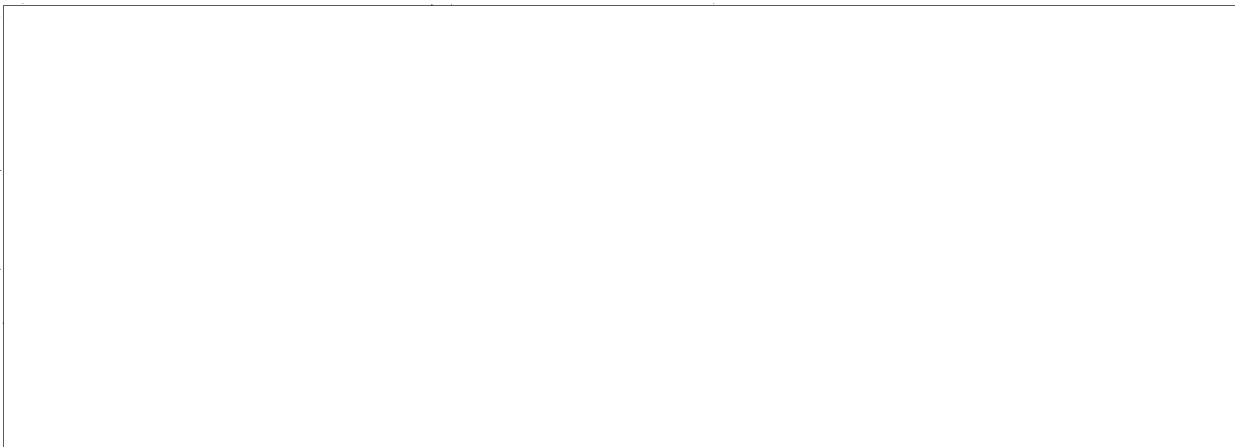
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I think the above serves to indicate that what we are contemplating in the [redacted] system development and operation is not significantly different in magnitude than current programs. [redacted]

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Deputy Director
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OFFICE OF THE DD/I

DATE: 5 September

TO: Jack

FROM: Ed

SUBJECT:

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John

REMARKS:

Attached is a memo from Duckett to the Director outlining the program and costs for the [Redacted] system.

It is a good memo. It estimates the cost of the system over the next ten years [Redacted]

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